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Iran-Iraq War

An Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman dismissed Iraqi President Saddam Husayn's latest proposals, announcing in a statement reported by Tehran radio that a cease-fire in the Gulf would help the Iraqis import more military equipment, that the suggested agreement to avoid attacks on civilian areas is an explicit admission that Iraq has killed Iranian civilians, and that the call for a cease-fire in Ramadan is a propaganda ploy.

Commenting on the "frail and confused justifications" for Iran's rejection of Iraq's proposals, INA said the Iranian regime is again revealing its "expansionist, aggressive nature." Iran's claim that it has not attacked Iraqi residential areas is refuted by evidence gathered by a UN committee, INA said, and Iran's insistence that a Gulf cease-fire would benefit Iraq ignores the heavy damage Iranian oilfields and shipping have sustained in the fighting.

Libya

Libyan leader Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi arrived in San'a' on 9 June after attending only the opening session of the 19th OAU conference in Addis Ababa, KUNA reported. The press agency speculated that YAR leader 'Abdallah Salih may try to arrange a meeting between Al-Qadhdhafi and PLO leader 'Arafat who reportedly also arrived in San'a'on 9 June.

Earlier, JANA requested consumers to "kill" its report that Al-Qadhdhafi had issued a statement describing Moroccan King Hassan II as a "sinful aggressor" who "has no option but to meekly submit to our conditions" by withdrawing his army and administration from the Sahara and holding a referendum in "complete freedom."

PLO Affairs

PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat held talks in Baghdad with Iraqi President Saddam Husayn, who stressed Iraq's concern for PLO unity and its readiness to support the PLO with all possible means in order to preserve this unity, INA reported. 'Arafat subsequently flew to Doha for talks with the Amir and arrived in the YAR early on 9 June, according to Doha television and San'a' radio. Reporting on the PLO leader's current tour, Radio Monte Carlo said 'Arafat will shortly return to Saudi Arabia to resume talks with King Fahd in light of Crown Prince 'Abdallah's "mediation tour." Earlier, in an interview published by the London daily *Ash-Sharq Al-Awsat*, 'Arafat expressed hope that Syrian President Hafiz al-Asad will personally intervene to help resolve the crisis in Fatah because "certain organs" have committed "certain interferences."

Continuing Libya's media attacks on Yasir 'Arafat, JANA claimed that 'Arafat was behind the recent assassination attempt on the Libyan charge d'affaires in Beirut. In another development, the Libyan-backed Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command rejected holding any kind of dialogue with 'Arafat, according to Tripoli Radio. Citing PLO sources in Amman, Jordan's *Ad-Dustur* reported that a delegation of Palestine National Council members residing in Jordan has left for Damascus in an attempt to solve the dispute in Fatah. Meanwhile, the Fatah delegation in Moscow concluded its week-long visit, TASS noted.

Conclusion of Saudi Prince's Tour

Saudi Crown Prince 'Abdallah returned to Jidda after concluding his tour of Libya, Syria, Iraq, and Jordan aimed at strengthening Arab solidarity, SPA reported. 'Abdallah met with Lebanese Progressive Socialist Party leader Walid Junblatt during his visit to Amman, SPA noted.

Lebanon

Salim in U.S. — After meeting with U.S. President Ronald Reagan in Washington, Foreign Minister Elie Salim stated that the United States is negotiating with the Soviet Union over arrangements for the withdrawal of Syrian forces from Lebanon, Beirut radio reported. Salim said Syrian President Al-Asad will abandon his opposition to the Lebanese-Israeli agreement after "some time" and will order a Syrian withdrawal as soon as he receives security guarantees.

Military, Security Situation — In a statement carried by ITIM, the IDF spokesman confirmed that two IDF soldiers were killed and two others were injured by an 8 June car bomb explosion in Beirut. The Lebanese National Resistance Front claimed responsibility for the operation, according to the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio. In a separate development, two people were killed in the Juniyah area north of Beirut when Grad rockets hit their car, Voice of Lebanon radio reported. Meanwhile, Syrian and Israeli forces exchanged fire near 'Ammiq in the Al-Biqa' valley, according to the clandestine Radio Free Lebanon.

Israel

The Knesset rejected Labor Party Chairman Shim'on Peres' motion calling for a unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon, Jerusalem radio reported. Peres told the Knesset that the IDF should withdraw from the eastern and central sectors, IDF radio noted. Replying on behalf of the government, Defense Minister Moshe Arens reaffirmed his view that such a move would allow the PLO and Syrian forces to seize the evacuated areas and would decrease the chances of their withdrawal from Lebanon, according to remarks broadcast by the radio.

OAU Summit

The 19th OAU summit conference opened in Addis Ababa following the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic's "voluntary and temporary" decision not to participate in order to preserve African unity and reinforce the OAU, Addis Ababa radio reported. The convening of the summit in the absence of the Polisario "mercenaries" is a victory for legitimacy, Rabat radio affirmed.

Afghanistan Talks

Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan left Karachi for Moscow to hold talks on the Afghanistan issue with his Soviet counterpart Andrey Gromyko, Karachi radio reported.

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Karachi Reports 'Many Successful' Mujahidin Attacks

BK090541 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 9 Jun 83

[Text] Amid reports of intensified military activity in Afghanistan, the Afghan mujahidin have carried out many successful attacks on positions of the Soviet-Karmal troops in a number of areas. According to reports, these attacks were carried out in Bagdhlan, (Baghdoz), Nimruz, Paktia, Ghazni, and Kabul Provinces. The mujahidin shot down a helicopter gunship in the Ghazni area and destroyed many armored vehicles and tanks. Another report says that the mujahidin have intensified attacks on roads leading to Ghazni and carried out surprise attacks on several military convoys.

Bulgarian Officials Thanked for Anniversary Greetings

AU031602 Sofia RABOTNICHESKO DELO in Bulgarian 2 Jun 83 p 1, 6

[Text] Todor Zhivkov, BCP Central Committee secretary general and chairman of the State Council, and Grisha Filipov, chairman of the Council of Ministers, have received a telegram from Babrak Karmal, secretary general of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan Central Committee and head of the Revolutionary Council of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, and from Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, prime minister of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

The telegram expresses their most cordial and warm gratitude as well as that of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan Central Committee, the Revolutionary Council, and the Government and people of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan for the greetings sent to them on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the April Revolution.

We are fully convinced, the telegram says, that the friendly ties, fraternal relations , and fruitful cooperation which our peoples, parties, and governments are enjoying will further expand and strengthen the well-being of the two peoples and also will consolidate world peace and progress.

The Afghan leaders also expressed best wishes for the further greater successes and prosperity of the Bulgarian people.

DRA-Soviet Powerline Project Underway

LD090709 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0433 GMT 9 Jun 83

[Text] Kabul, June 8, BAKHTAR — The basic work of 220 kw power line project from the Soviet border to Kabul was begun with the installation of the first power transmission tower in the area of Hairatan.

The feasibility study of this project was completed last year and the basic work of the project, i.e., the extension of the 220 kw power line from Hairatan to 110 kw power sub-station in Mazar-e Sharif was started.

The extension of 220 kw power line will be completed from Hairatan to Mazar-e Sharif at a distance of 74 km over 265 transmission towers.

AFP: Assam Students Reject Immigrant Tribunals
BK081521 Hong Kong AFP in English 0754 GMT 8 Jun 83

(By Sabita Goswami)

[Text] Gauhati, India, June 8 (AFP) — Anti-immigrant militants today rejected the government's latest move to deal with migrant settlers in Assam amid fears it could spark new violence in the state where thousands died in February.

A spokesman for the All-Assam Students' Union dismissed as "eyewash" a state assembly decision to set up 20 tribunals and one appellate panel to handle the cases of settlers who arrived since 1971.

The spokesman for the group, which is spearheading the drive to deport some five million immigrants from Bangladesh and Nepal, said the move "will further complicate the problem."

The assembly is dominated by the Congress-I Party of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, which swept February's elections marred by violence that officially left some 3,000 people dead.

The tribunal legislation, passed in the assembly session that ended on Monday, was in accordance with the Gandhi government's earlier offer to make 1971 the cutoff year for detection and deportation of migrant settlers.

Anti-immigrant leaders rejected this offer during several rounds of talks held with the authorities.

Observers feared that the rejection of the assembly decision night lead to further confrontation between the government and the Assamese militants waging a 4-year-old fight to chase out the immigrants.

They said that during the coming monsoon there was a possibility of new clashes between warring groups in parts of Nowgong, Darrang and Goalpara, which were hard hit in February's bloodbath.

While the official death toll is 3,000, it was generally believed that many more were killed in massacres in various areas involving tribals, Moslem migrants and native Assamese.

The violence was triggered by the federal government's decision to call the elections over the objections of the militants, who claimed the voter rolls were loaded with "illegal" settlers. Several hundred more people had been killed in previous clashes.

Assam Chief Minister Hiteswar Saikia brushed aside a question of whether the assembly's decision to set up the tribunals was a unilateral move. He said that no objections had been raised to the detection of post-1971 immigrants.

The chief minister declined to elaborate on the procedures to be followed to implement the tribunals' decisions.

But Mukut Sharma, education minister and a close aide of Mr. Saikia, said that some documents would be taken into consideration to verify the bonafides of Indian citizens.

Cargo Vessel 'Preeti' Damaged by Iraqi Missile
BK081619 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 8 Jun 83

[Text] The Indian cargo vessel "Preeti" was severely damaged when it was reportedly struck by an Iraqi missile near Dammam and (Poinipot) on the 31st of last month. A spokesman of the shipping company said in Bombay that all the 40 crew members on board, including the captain, were rescued by the Iranian navy and taken to Tehran. The ship has been abandoned. The crew will be brought back to India next week.

Briefs

Youth Leader to Moscow — The Youth Congress-I president, Tariq Anwar, has left for Moscow on a 10-day visit to the Soviet Union. The visit is at the invitation of the Youth Leaque of the Soviet Communist Party. [Text] [Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 5 Jun 83 BK]

Netherlands Loan — India will get 700 million rupees as loan from Netherlands for carrying out several development programs. The concessional assistance with a nominal interest of 2 and 1/2 percent will be used for rural drinking water supply project. The loan will also help in importing certain equipment from the Netherlands. The loan repayable over 30 years was agreed upon after consultations held in New Delhi recently between the officials of the two countries. [Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 4 Jun 83 BK]

Yaqub Khan Leaves Islamabad En Route to Moscow

BK081541 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 8 Jun 83

[Text] Foreign minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan left Islamabad this evening for Karachi en route to Moscow to hold talks with his Soviet counterpart, Gromyko, on the Afghanistan problem.

Talking to newsmen at the airport, he said he had already visited all the other permanent member nations of the UN Security Council and now he wanted to also exchange views with the Soviet foreign minister on the problem of Afghanistan.

Describing his Moscow visit as important, Yaqub Khan said the Soviet Union is not only a neighboring country, but it also has a very close relationship with our region. Therefore, talks with Gromyko are essential. He added that he had met with Gromyko many times before.

Departs Karachi 9 June

BK090543 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 9 Jun 83

[Text] Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan left Karachi for Moscow early this morning to hold talks with his Soviet counterpart, Gromyko, on the Afghanistan issue.

Ziaul Haq Sends Message to Omani Sultan

BK090549 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 9 Jun 83

[Text] The Pakistan ambassador in Saudi Arabia, Najih Saqeb kha , arrived in Muscat yesterday. He is carrying with him President General Mohammad Ziaul Haq's message for Sultan Qabus. The message relates to bilateral relations and matters of mutual concern.

PRC Deputy Premier Makes Stopover in Karachi

BK090547 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 9 Jun 83

[Text] A five-member Chinese delegation led by the Chinese vice prime minister, Yao Yilin, made a brief stopover at Karachi airport yesterday while on its way to Belgrade from Beijing.

Spokesman Responds to Saddam Husayn Proposals

LD081959 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 8 Jun 83

[Text] In connection with the 'Aflaqite Saddam's suggestions on stopping the war in the Persian Gulf waters, not attacking cities and residential areas, and stopping the war during the holy month of Ramadan, the spokesman for our country's Foreign Affairs Ministry today announced:

Iraq's suggestion to stop military operations within the boundary of the Persian Gulf and the ports overlooking it at a time when this regime's aggression against the Islamic Republic of Iran's territory is continuing and Iran's residential areas are under its continual fire means preparing the necessary ground and safe conditions for transferring more military equipment to enhance its war power and to continue the aggression against the Islamic Republic.

We declare once again that if the aggressor terminates the aggression and yields to all the just conditions set by the Islamic Republic of Iran, this will automatically achieve what they have suggested.

Later in this interview, the spokesman for our country's foreign Affairs Ministry said on Saddam's proposal on not committing aggression against each other's cities: As we have said many times, in spite of being able to do so, we have not yet attacked Iraq's cities and residential areas. We hereby also announce that the Islamic Republic of Iran has only targetted hostile soldiers and military zones during the imposed war but the Ba'thist regime many times has attacked Iran's residential areas and cities with missiles and artillery. Abadan is under these attacks almost every day. The recent suggestions made by the regime ruling Baghdad on putting an end to bombing residential areas when there is no evidence of such actions by the Islamic Republic of Iran is an explicit confession to killing Iran's innocent civilians and citizens.

In connection with Saddam's other proposal regarding stopping the war during the holy month of Ramadan, he added: In our opinion, the raising of this issue, which is repeated every year, is aimed solely at maintaining the pretence of being oppressed and is used for propaganda purposes. Out nation is always in the state of conditional defense and there is no principle that justifies stopping defense in the face of aggression. It is the aggressor who must stop attacking. On the other hand, if the Iraqi regime believed in the honor and blessing of holy Islamic months and days, it never would have attacked the Islamic Republic of Iran in the month of Zulkadah, which is one of the holy months.

Armed Forces Joint Staff Communique No 1,340

LD081718 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 8 Jun 83

[Text] In His exalted name. Yesterday, the combatants of Islam on the operational theaters and various battlefronts brought enemy positions under fire, silencing enemy artillery fire and preventing their movements. As a result of our forces' artillery fire on enemy positions in the western operational theater, a mortar, several personnel bunkers, and various weapons were destroyed. In the Nowsud sector, exchanges of fire were more intense and the forces of Islam inflicted losses and casualties on the Iraqi forces.

In the southern operational theater, while continuing their operations, our forces kept the enemy forces under full control and defended their positions by returning the fire of the Saddamist mercenaries.

During exchanges of fire in the Abadan and Khorramshahr sector, our units prevented enemy traffic on the Faw-Basra road and killed several Iraqi personnel.

Yesterday, as a result of long-range enemy fire, six of our compatriots were killed and three houses were wrecked in Abadan. Also, as a result of enemy bombardment of a village near Sar Dasht, one person was martyred, six people were injured, and three houses were set on fire.

[Signed] Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Officials Meet With Romanian Foreign Minister

Commerce Minister

LD090500 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 8 Jun 83

[Text] Romanian Foreign Minister Stefan Andrei, who has come to our country, met and held talks with Commerce Minister Asgar-Owladi at the ministry this afternoon.

During this meeting, expansion of commercial relations between Iran and Romania, in the best interests of both countries, purchase of quality goods from Romania at suitable and competitive prices and also export of nonoil Iranian goods to Romania were discussed. It was agreed that the director general of the international economic and trade cooperation office of Romania will follow up the talks with his Iranian counterpart in Tehran.

The Romanian foreign minister suggested, during this meeting that trade delegations from both sides should hold more meetings and talks in Tehran and Bucharest. He also invited Asgar-Owladi to visit Romania. While accepting this invitation, he called the exchange of trade delegations beneficial to both countries.

Planning, Budget Head

LD090515 Tehran IRNA in English 2027 GMT 8 Jun 83

[Text] Tehran, June 8, IRNA — Stefan Andrei, the visiting Romanian foreign minister met and conferred with Mohammad Taqi Banki, state minister and head of the Plan and Budget Organisation of the Islamic Republic here today.

In this meeting the two sides held talks on problems of bilateral interest. Also present in this meeting were ambassadors to each others countries.

The Romanian minister pointing to the friendly and cordial relations between the two countries expressed pleasure on the enactment of agreements with complete understanding of both sides and hoped the furthering talks would be an effective step towards strengthening prevailing ties.

The imperialists, he added in the past hindered and prevented developing countries from making progress. In the past about 80 percent of the people of Romania were poor and illiterate and its resources and oil were being plundered by foreign oil trusts.

Banki responding, said that in spite of the Iraqi imposed war and the confrontations and encounters with foreign elements and aggressors, Iran was able to increase its agricultural and industrial productions. He said that the Western news agencies reversed the situation and charged Iran with being an aggressor and depicted the economy as being in a critical condition however the Islamic Republic was able to show her might in the war and prove its stability not only in her economy but also record increase production in various industrial and agricultural sectors. Also the development programmes in the country with the assistance of foreign specialists had shown a tremendous progress he said.

Concluding Banki said, the trade exchanges between Romania and Iran amounted to 928 million dollars in the year 1360 (beginning March 21, 1981) and in the year 1361 (beginning March 21, 1983) 897 million dollars.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani Addresses Qom Gathering 5 June

GF061044 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0430 GMT 6 Jun 83

[Excerpts] Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani spoke to the people in Qom yesterday at the shrine of the revered Mohtaremeh Mahrumeh, God bless her, on the historical uprising of 5 June 1963 and the role of the clergy in promoting that movement until the success of the glorious Islamic Revolution and beyond.

He said: The most important center and the basic roots of the revolution are at Qom. They lie in the religious schools, in the people, and in the leadership, which had its beginning in Qom. The seed of the revolution was exported from Qom to all over the country, and even now the revolution draws its major strength from Qom, from its religious schools, and from the toil and fortitude of the people of Qom. The enemies of Islam sense danger from the clergy, Qom, and Islam. But never as intense as now. They have seen the struggle of the clergy aimed at the destruction of the satanic powers, yet they are still unconvinced of the real power of Islam and the clergy.

Now that we have reached the present state, we might as well recall the wrong impression of the enemies of Islam regarding the potential of the clergy. They had thought the clergy would hand over the country to the liberals. The nationalists, liberals, and the leftists were all ready to carry out any orders of the big leaders of the East or West. The American assessment was that the clergy can destroy but it cannot build. They thought that the clergy could topple the shah but could not provide administration for a complicated society, that it could not lead it from an ordinary state to an industrialized one. Another of their beliefs is based on annoyance toward religion. Generally, they think that religion does not have the machinery for administering a society, but that it may destroy and develop into an oppressive regime. They were not afraid of Islam, which had its palaces and thievery, its subjugation to foreigners, and blind obedience to the enemies. They were not afraid of the Saudi Islam and the Islam of states similar to it, or the Islam of sermons and sultans who reside within such kinds of states. Yes, these are no danger to the imperialists.

They had not thought of coming face to face with an Islam that had its own system of economy, a system of politics and education, and provisions for the situations of life; that it could have law and it could have administration; the Islam which had its epics and which also had its law; the Islam which had the army and the administration. Today, in American circles and their special gatherings, it is being pointed out to the Western leaders that they had neither reckoned with Islam, the clergy, nor the imam. They point out that their leaders had not taken the issue of Islam seriously; that they had only seen the outward trappings of Islam which they had considered to be congruent to their interests. Now their mistake has brought them to this. Now they are nervous and have concentrated their forces with a view of not letting this Islam take its place in the world.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani in another part of his speech said:The Iraqi imposed war on Iran and the support of opposing forces to Iraq against us are an irony of history. Iraq can draw on the support of communists and also on that of the Western capitalists and of the reactionary elements. However, all of these are united in one thing. That is, Iraq should not capitulate and Iran should not be victorious.

Yesterday, Hashemi-Rafsanjani said, the imam was saying that Turkey had entered Iraqi territory, but nobody talks about it, nor does anybody sense the danger. Because of this, neither the Ba'thist Party of Iraq nor Turkey are in any danger. Now, one side may say it follows NATO while the other may say it takes its orders from Warsaw. In fact,what that they all fear is Islam. If our present revolution had been a nationalistic revolution and if we had pushed geographical nationalism or Iranian chauvinism, it would have been no danger to them. They could have handled us.

What we know of their secret talks is that they have been saying that if Iran wins this war it would be dangerous to them. And this is a very important statement which proves the greatness of Islam, the depth of the mass movement in Iran, the greatness of the (?leadership) of the revolution, and the fear that the union of religious schools and the university, together with the support of the masses, can generate. Only lately have they discovered what the religious schools can do and what they should expect.

Majlis Speaker Meets Iraqi Islamic Council Members

LD072342 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 7 Jun 83

[Text] According to our correspondent's report, members of the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq today met

and conferred with Hashemi-Rafsanjani, speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly.

During this meeting, the chairman of the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq, referring to the fact that the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq believes in the link between the deprived and oppressed Iraqi people and the leadership of Imam Khomeyni, the hope of the oppressed people of the world, said: The main basis of the work of the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution of Iraq is to mobilize and unify the people. So far, some effective steps have been taken in this direction.

Hashemi-Rafsanjani then said that the victory of the Islamic revolution in Iraq is a necessary factor for the protection of Islam from probeble dangers. Referring to the fact that the Islamic Republic of Iran has no expansionist aims and no political domination over any country, he said: We have always been determined not to lose the Iraqi people in our dealings with the Iraqi Government. In view of the imam of the ummah's knowledge of Saddam's nature, the imam always regarded the Ba'thist Party as dangerous for the region.

Continuing his speech, referring to the fact that Saddam had started and imposed this war, Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: This war has been very costly for us, for the people of Iraq, and for the region. Many of our valuable individuals have been martyred and very heavy economic losses have been inflicted upon us. Our huge enemieshave been successful in extortion regarding small Arab nations. However, if this war has a good end, all the things that they have achieved could be reversed.

Emphasizing the fact that ending the war would not solve the Iraqi problem, Hashemi-Rafsanjani said: If the war ends with the continuation of the 'Aflaqite-Ba'thist government of Saddam, Iraq will regard all its neighboring countries as indebted to it for having protected them against the exportation of the Islamic Revolution. The final solution to all the problems of the region is the liberation of the people of Iraq.

In another part of his speech, referring to the fact that there are a large number of Iraqi strugglers in Syria, Iran, and Europe who are continuing their struggles, he said: You have good propaganda facilities and the powerful Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran is also supporting you. The speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly referred to the economic and military pressures that Iran has exerted on Iraq through various means and said: Now is the time for the Muslim Iraqi strugglers to start their serious and self-sacrificing moves.

In another part of his speech, the speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly said: Eastern and Western superpowers tried to defeat us or defame us by imposing the war upon us, but they did not succeed. Now, both the superpowers and the small satellites who are following them are asking us to show forgiveness. This by itself shows that everything has happened contrary to their wishes. They have now reached a point that the fate of Mit terrand is intertwined with the fate of Saddam.

Concluding, the speaker of the Islamic Consultative Assembly said: The true way of saving Islam and the Islamic Revolution is to uproot small satans and liberate Iraq. In that case, no one will be able to block the path of the tumultuous movement of the Islamic Revolution.

Khomeyni Receives President, Majlis Speaker 8 June

GF081930 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 8 Jun 83

[Text] President 'Ali Khamene'i and Majlis Speaker Hashemi-Rafsanjani today met with Imam Khomeyni, leader of the revolution and founder of the Islamic Republic, and submitted to him a report on the current events in the country.

The imam also received Ayatollah Khadami,who was accompanied by a number of clergymen from Esfahan, and Energy Minister Ghafuri-Fard who was accompanied by a number of ministry assistants.

Ayatollah Montazeri Stresses Islamic Teachings

GF081840 Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian 1400 GMT 8 Jun 83

[Text] According to a report by the Central News Unit, Hojjat-ol Eslam Seyyed 'Ali Mohammad Dastgheyb and Assadollah Emani, representatives of Ayatollah Montazeri at Shiraz University, along with the board of directors, university and college members of this university met Grand Ayatollah Montazeri yesterday morning at Qom. They presented a report on Shiraz University.

In this meeting, Grand Ayatollah Montazeri, while praising their work, said: Following the victory of the Islamic Revolution and the efforts of the headquarters of the cultural revolution, success has come our way and we should speed up the Islamic movement at the university. We should avail ourselves of this opportunity and with each other's help as far as possible strengthen the classes for learning Islam at the university and at the high training school, so that, God willing, the teaching of Islam increases. We can in this way produce religious-minded young men faithful to the Islamic Revolution to run the country. He stressed that to enrich the Islamic teaching classes we should make use of learned religious scholars and respected spiritual leaders and the Friday imam of Shiraz or those who could be introduced by the teachers of the Qom Theological Center. In any case, we should carry out the responsibility which has now fallen on us in a most satisfactory manner.

Regarding the differences of views and tastes, he said that God has created the power of thinking in us and we should not expect that our thinking and views should be the same. Of couse, criterion and the rightiousness of ideas should correspond to the Koran and tenets of Islam. We can work with people who believe in this and have faith in divine directives. In the selection by universities at the level of teacher or student or staff member, we should give them a chance to serve and if anybody wants to interfere in the university or introduce anti-Islam ideas,such people should not be given the opportunity to do so.

He said that if a teacher really wants to serve the country or the revolution and is sorry for his past, then we should not take into account his precedents which may have been due to bad friends or due to different beliefs, and God forbid, we should not do the revealing.

NVOI Carries Tudeh Foreign-based Committee Statement

TA072107 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian 1730 GMT 7 Jun 83

[Text] Dear compatriots: Exposing the plots and the crimes of the rightists and the supporters of the major capitalists and the large landowners, who have usurped authority in our homeland under the mask of Islam, is the duty of every noble Iranian and every free Iranian loyal to our nation's glorious revolution. In carrying out this moral and human duty, we now draw the attention of the dear compatriots to one of the recent statements by the foreign-based committee of the Iranian Tudeh Party:

Dear compatriots, freedom-seeking people of Iran: The 4-year continuous effort and plot of imperialism and domestic and foreign reaction against our homeland's liberating revolution of February 1979 has inflicted mortal wounds on the bloodstained body of our country's great anti-imperialist and popular revolution, and day by day it is inflicting still deeper wounds with the aim of totally destroying the revolution, which is one of the most glorious revolutions of our era.

The enemies of independence, freedom, and social progress, despite the selfless effort by progressive and freedom-seeking forces, including the Iranian Tudeh Party, have seized further the levers of power and the sensitive positions of management of the country's affairs and have succeeded in beginning the countdown for the revolution's defeat.

By attacking the Iranian Tudeh Party — the party of the Iranian working class, the party which during more than 40 years by numerous sacrifices, long prison terms and deportations and by tolerating various inhuman tortures, and through great acts of heroism worthy of its name and position and by outstanding services in the struggle against imperialism and dictatorship, has managed to inscribe its name in the history of our country — reaction and imperialism have tolled the bell for crushing the remaining gains of the revolution.

Blind monopolism, religious superficiality by a handful of unduly admired individuals and usurpers of the people's government, the increasing and consistent influence of the representatives of pro-Western landlords and major capitalists over organs of the government and their almost total domination of these organs, the feebleness, weakness, and conciliation of the more or less progressive wing of the leadership whose last breath is being sucked leech-like by the ultrarightists-- all these have produce a deadly mixture under the guise of Islam and in the name of Islam and the Islamic Republic, which is hovering like a nightmare over our people.

The false claimants of morality, fairness, justice, and freedom — these usurpers of the seat of the people's destiny — are either killing or breaking down the noble human beings of our homeland or are achieving both under savage tortures in their medieval laboratories. The deadly scent of power and plunder has made them so drunk and unconscious that now they do not recognize God even if they do have one. They have called their oppression the freest form of government and plunder by large capital Islamic economy and as a classless society free from exploitation. Anyone who raises the slightest voice in protest is called an enemy of Islam, dependent, spy, saboteur, and hypocrite. They employ the most treacherous police and fascist methods against their innocent and defenseless victims with the aim of breaking every dissenter to prove such charges. The Iranian people have still not forgotten these inhuman methods of the SAVAK era.

Grim poverty, unemployment, the nearly bankrupt economy which is breathing only by force of injecting the oil wealth of the hungry people, scores of thousands of dissenting political prisoners, the haughty and imperious medieval tyranny which claims to direct, lead, and guide all affairs of the people, including their most personal domestic affairs, has deprived the people of any personal, social, and political freedoms. Under cover of struggle against colonialism and imperialism, he has adopted the path of conciliation and compromise with them and their partners. In the name of struggle against exploitation and plunder and the establishment of a society of Islamic Justice, he prevents the hungry farmer from taking land whose title deed is the callused hands of the farmer himself. He recognizes foreign trade, in the interest of bazaaris who are in the government, as the sole arena for the plunder of these so-called respectable and religious traders. He deprives the worker of the right to organize and to defend his interests by labeling one Tudeh, Feda'i, and Mojahed, and fires from work in order to allegedly establish his Islamic justice.

These reactionary forces are ready to call themselves, in the realm of words, the obedient servant of the worker, but on condition that the toiling Iranian worker places his powerful arms and pocket unconditionally at their disposal. They do all this in the name of defending Islam and the Islamic Republic. They have not learned that one cannot deceive everyone all the time.

If whip lashing, torture, fabrication of dossiers, and the montage of films prepared during torture in the laboratory of Evin Prison and the Vision of Iran could consolidate the foundations of any government, surely the executioner shah would still have ruled in our homeland. The shortsightedness of these usurpers of the seat of the people's will is of such a magnitude that they believe that in order to portray the facts in an altered manner it is sufficient to change the names of things. They term hunger, poverty, and unemployment as prosperity and general well-being and oppression and tyranny as justice and freedom. Every single one of them introduces himself as the deputy and guardian of the oppressed and deprived of Iran and even of the world.

We ask them: If you are not afraid to handle the Constitution — which with all its obvious deficiencies has reflected part of the people's will — and if it does not burn your hands, open it. Read such principles as the 23d principle which says that inquisition is prohibited and that no one is to be assaulted and rebuked merely for having a certain opinion; or the 24th principle about freedom of the press and publications; the 26th principle about parties, groups, and political and trade associations whose freedom has been recognized; the 29th principle regarding social security; the

40th principle which says that no one can gain his right by harming others or by encroaching on public interests; the 20th principle which places all members of the nation, whether men or women, equally under the protection of the law; and the 38th principle which explicitly states that any torture to obtain confession or to gain information is forbidden, that forcing a person to testify, confess, and swear under oath is prohibited, that such testimony, confession, and oath lack value and credence, and that anyone who violates this principle will be punished according to the law; so that you who are the so-called enforcers of the people's will in the leadership will know what a deep gap exists between you and the true will of the people, and which person or persons should be brought to trial — those who have entirely trampled on the Constitution and who do not recognize any rights for anyone, or the true defenders of independence, freedom, and social justice, these handcuffed, defenseless, and innocent victims of your merciless and unjust courts.

Contrary to what you believe, our homeland's toiling and freedom-seeking people possess a high political and moral perception and have shown that they enjoy a strong power of judgment. Despite the disgraceful (?shows), stage managemen ts,and fabrication of dossiers, one day — which surely is not very far — these people will sit in final judgment. Even this very day, they already have issued and are issuing their judgment.

They, the free Iranian people. reproach the implementors of these stage managements, tortures, and violations of the law. You who are the claimants of Allah's rule on earth stand condemned before history and our heroic and revolutionary people because contrary to the explicit text of the Constitution which you have completely transformed into a shredded piece of paper and on the basis of the entirely confirmed fact, you have committed and are committing torture, you have obtained confession by force with drugs and lashing, and you have killed people and buried them quietly. The verdicts issued by you are not worth a penny. You are among those who go alone with the judge and return satisfied.

The final judgment is with a people whose sons you deliver to the firing squad on the charge of patriotism, humanitarianism, and freedom of thought.

The increasing general protest and discontent of the masses is growing minute by minute with the violations and antidemocratic and antipeople deeds of the rightwing forces and imperialist elements who have gained domination in the leadership.

Today, more than any other time, there is need for the establishment of a united people's front against imperialism, reaction, and internal and external counterrevolution. This front should include all patriotic and justice-seeking Iranians from every ideology and school and every kind of philosophical and religious belief.

In order to be saved from certain death, our revolution has urgent need of this powerful elixir — the unity of popular forces. History will never forgive any negligence in this respect by anyone.

Dear compatriots: You have listened to the statement by the foreign-based committee of the Iranian Tudeh Party.

NVOI Demands Open Trial for Tudeh Members

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[Unattributed commentary: "New Crimes by SAVAKists of Islamic Republic of Iran"]

[Excerpts] Dear compatriots: As we said in the first days after the arrest of a group of leaders and members of the Iranian Tudeh Party, the SAVAKists of the Islamic Republic of Iran, in order to obtain so-called confessions and admissions from the handcuffed and tortured Tudeh members, have not refrained and are not refraining from resorting to any crime.

We have said that in the course of the last 2 to 3 months, the executioners of the Islamic Republic, by employing the most wicked methods of torture, have killed a number of the arrested Tudeh members or have eliminated them. The rightist authorities in the Islamic Government, who talk so much about human and Islamic conscience, not only deny the use of torture but resort to the most stupid and at the same time the most disgraceful SAVAKist methods to conceal their historical crimes.

Let's not forget that the killers of the so-called revolutionary courts have so far murdered, after torture, many of our homeland's struggling and revolutionary sons, whether Tudeh, Feda'i or mojahed, at the very preliminary stages of interrogation. That the so-called prosecutor general of the revolution says that he intends to try some of the arrested Tudeh prisoners in closed courts is itself a danger signal to all our homeland's free people. The fact is that these pseudo-Muslim executioners who are afflicted with the mental illness of killing people, have killed a number of political and Tudeh prisoners, and intend to kill some others as well. Very soon the people will either read in the newspapers, the obituary pertaining to the sudden death of these individuals, or the so-called prosecutor general of the revolution will announce that these victims of the torturers of the Islamic Republic system had been tried in a closed court and sentenced to death. One must not allow the criminals, with the aid of their punitive organs and the SAVAKists, to eliminate our homeland's revolutionary sons.

In its statement, the Iranian Tudeh Party's foreign-based committee, while referring to the increasing wave of protests by progressive forces against the crimes by the SAVAKists of the Islamic Government. stresses that it is still possible to save the Tudeh patriots and by this means assist in safeguarding the popular and anti-imperialist gains of the revolution. For this purpose, one should demand with the loudest voice from government officials in the Islamic Republic of Iran: first, that the names of the prisoners must be immediately and completely announced as well as their offense; and second, that an open trial be held with the participation of neutral international observers consisting of jurists, physicians, and foreign and domestic correspondents in which the physicians would be allowed to examine the victims of the torturers' crime.

As progressive mankind and all our homeland's revolutionary forces have repeatedly pointed out, if the authorities of the

Islamic Republic of Iran are in the least sincere in their claims, they should accept the proposal to hold open trials for trying all the Tudeh prisoners without exception and in the presence of neutral international observers.

Our homeland's people who with their glorious revolution threw the criminal despotic regime of the shah into the dustbin of history, without doubt, will not tolerate a similar order and regime, under whatever color, mask, and guise, even Islamic.

Free people of Iran: Rise in defense of the lives of the political and revolutionary prisoners.

NVOI Says U.S. Plans To Foment Iran-Pakistan Clashes

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[Unattributed commentary: "People Will Not Allow Blood of Their Sons To Be Wasted"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: While the Islamic Government has transformed the treacherous and insidious offensive against the true forces loyal to the revolution and the Iranian nation, as well as measures aimed at rapprochement with the West, including world-devouring America, into the government's current policy, the U.S. Government and its allies and dependent regimes, such as the Pakistani regime, are intensely active in plots against the Iranian Revolution and people.

Reliable sources report that according to a CIA plan, talks are in process between Pakistani and Saudi Arabian officials, the aim of which is to intensify anti-Iranian activity by the Pakistani regime. The U.S. plan is that in addition to the imposed Iran-Iraq war, they would open other fonts against our homeland by means of other countries, particularly Saudi Arabia in the south and Pakistan in the east, so that they would force the leaders of the regime ruling in Iran to violate the revolutionary gains of the Iranian nation even more and to get close to the West and America.

Reliable sources believe that by creating border clashes between Iran and Pakistan, America intends to force the Iranian Government to transfer some of its forces from the battlefront with Iraq to the Pakistani borders. It is said that agreement has been reached in this connection between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, which have very cordial relations, and that now they are waiting for a suitable opportunity to implement this plan by U.S. imperialism.

Western observers express the opinion that the Pakistani Army, from a certain viewpoint, has great superiority over the army of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and that the Pakistani Army can pose a grave danger to Iran's independence and existence. The dear compatriots are aware that the true revolutionary forces, and above all the Iranian Tudeh Party, have always had a realistic and critical stance toward the effort by officials of the Islamic Republic of Iran to establish cordial relations with Pakistan, and had warned responsible authorities of the Islamic Republic from establishing close relations with Ziaul Haq's American regime.

Now that the rightists and the superficials in the Islamic Government have led the moribund Iranian Revolution to the brink of destruction and have rendered it as vulnerable as possible both from within and abroad, the friends of these gentlemen abroad, such as Ziaul Haq, by implementing the plot of U.S. imperialism are endeavoring by means of opening a new warfront against the Iranian people in the east of the country to call into question our homeland's independence and existence and pave the way for America's return to Iran and for installing a U.S. subservient regime with an Islamic mask.

Reportedly, the leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran have themselves sensed this danger. Observers interpret the Islamic Government's measures aimed at rapprochement with the West, and its insidious and treacherous onslaught against the true revolutionary forces, particularly the Iranian Tudeh Party, as a step to please the West. The delegation, headed by one of the ayatollahs, which has been sent by the Islamic Government to America with the aim of establishing cordial relations, is confirmation of this view.

Our homeland's people are observing that the slogans "Death to America and to imperialism" have been consigned to oblivion by the rulers, and that the Islamic Government has retreated 180 degrees from all its promises. However, these people will not allow the blood of their sons to be wasted.

Navy Head Introduces New Fleet Commander 4 June

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[Text] Captain Esfandiyar Hoseyni, commander of the Navy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, who is on a visit to Bandar-e 'Abbas to visit the naval force there and to introduce the new commander of the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman Fleet, took part in this morning's parade of Persian Gulf Fleet personnel. In a speech, he praised the previous commander and introduced Captain Malekzadeh as the new commander of the Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman Fleet. He expressed the hope that he would be able to take effective steps toward achieving the goals of the Islamic Revolution.

According to this report, the parade ceremony ended with prayers for the well-being of the imam of the Islamic nation and for the final victory of Islam's combatants and with the hope for divine recompense for the martyrs of 15th Khordad [5 June 1963 uprising].

Correction to NVOI Criticism of Afghan Reports

The following correction pertains to the item headlined "NVOI Aassails Tehran Radio on Afghan Reports," published in the 3 June South Asia *Daily Report*, page I 5, first paragraph, last line:

. . . Islam in Afghanistan, we see that the figure exceeds the entire population of Afghanistan.(supplying dropped line).